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| In re Application of: GHOSAL <i>et al.</i>                                  | ) |                           |
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| Application No.: 09/475,385   | ) | Group Art Unit: 1724      |
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| Filed: December 30, 1999  | ) | Examiner: F. Lawrence Jr. |
| For: MODIFIED CARBON ADSORBENTS AND PROCESSES FOR ADSORPTION USING THE SAME |   |                           |

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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March 17, 2003

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before March 19, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 47 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein.

Please substitute the following amended claim for the pending claim with the same number in the above-identified application. (Copies of the amended claim with markings to show the changes made is also attached).

40. (Twice Amended) A method to adsorb an adsorbate comprising contacting said adsorbate with a modified carbonaceous material capable of adsorbing said adsorbate wherein said

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